

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET
SALIWANCHIK, LLOYD & SALIWANCHIK

A Professional Association
2421 N.W. 41st Street
Suite A-1
Gainesville, FL 32606

Telephone (352) 375-8100
Facsimile (352) 372-5800

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAY 19 2004

EXAMINER: Cynthia E. Collins

FROM: David R. Saliwanchik

COMPANY: U.S. Patent Office
Art Unit 1638

DATE: May 19, 2004

FAX NO.: (703) 872-9306

NO. OF PAGES
(INCLUDING COVER SHEET): 19

OFFICIAL

SUBJECT/MESSAGE:

Serial No. 09/888,035; filed June 22, 2001
Attorney Docket No. SPO-115C1

- 1) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (1 page);
- 2) Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 (16 pages); and
- 3) Notice of Appeal (1 page).

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT!
PLEASE DELIVER TO EXAMINER Collins IMMEDIATELY

The information contained in this facsimile message is intended only for the personal and confidential use of the designated recipients named below. This message may be an attorney-client communication, and as such is privileged and confidential. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or an agent responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that you have received this document in error, and that any review, dissemination, distribution, or copying of this message is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message by mail. Thank you.

If you do not receive all pages or if any transmission is not legible, call the sender at (352) 375-8100.

H:\DOC\FAXCOVER\PTO\COLLINS-1638 .DOC\RES\la

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office on the date shown below:

May 19, 2004

David Saliwanchik

David R. Saliwanchik, Patent Attorney

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
Examining Group 1638
Patent Application
Docket No. SPO-115C1
Serial No. 09/888,035

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Cynthia E. Collins
Art Unit : 1638
Applicants : Atsunori Fukada and Yoshiyuki Tanaka
Serial No. : 09/888,035
Conf. No. : 9222
Filed : June 22, 2001
For : Sodium/Proton Antiporter Gene

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a three month Extension of Time through and including June 3, 2004,
accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, please amend the above-referenced
application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

J:\SH-RESP\SPO\SPO-115C1-f-Amend2.doc\DNB/la